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COUNTERBALANCING WEIGHT TO BE ATTACHED TO A WHEEL RIM

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application is requested to consider and make of record the references listed on the PTO/SB/08a form submitted herewith. A copy of each reference listed on the PTO/SB/08a is enclosed.

Although the information submitted herewith may be "material" to the Examiner's consideration of the subject application, this submission is not intended to constitute an admission that such information is "prior art" as to the claimed invention.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made.

References EP 0 751 017 and DE 101 31 411 are not in the English language, butan English abstract thereof is attached to the copy of the reference submitted herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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(2) References

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